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# SASKATCHEWAN POPULATION

|      | January 1 | April 1 | July 1  | October 1 |
|------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|
|      | (' 000 )  |         |         |           |
| 1983 | 994.6     | 997.9   | 1,001.9 | 1,005.9   |
| 1984 | 1,008.3   | 1,011.8 | 1,015.5 | 1,019.7   |
| 1985 | 1,021.0   | 1,022.9 | 1,025.5 | 1,027.7   |
| 1986 | 1,027.3   | 1,027.9 | 1,029.3 | 1,029.9   |
| 1987 | 1,029.9   | 1,031.6 | 1,032.7 | 1,031.9   |
| 1988 | 1,029.4   | 1,028.5 | 1,028.0 | 1,025.3   |
| 1989 | 1,021.3   | 1,020.2 | 1,019.2 | 1,015.6   |
| 1990 | 1,010.7   | 1,009.1 | 1,007.1 | 1,003.8   |
| 1991 | 1,002.3   | 1,002.8 | 1,002.7 | 1,000.9   |
| 1992 | 1,001.1   | 1,002.8 | 1,004.0 | 1,002.9   |
| 1993 | 1,003.4   | 1,005.0 | 1,006.9 | 1,007.0   |
| 1994 | 1,007.5   | 1,008.5 | 1,009.5 | 1,010.7   |
| 1995 | 1,011.7   | 1,012.7 | 1,014.1 | 1,015.3   |
| 1996 | 1,016.1   | 1,017.8 | 1,019.1 | 1,019.6   |
| 1997 | 1,018.5   | 1,017.8 | 1,018.1 | 1,017.6   |
| 1998 | 1,017.7   | 1,017.3 | 1,017.5 | 1,017.9   |
| 1999 | 1,017.1   | 1,015.9 | 1,014.7 | 1,012.8   |
| 2000 | 1,011.3   | 1,009.4 | 1,007.8 | 1,006.2   |
| 2001 | 1,003.7   | 1,001.8 | 1,000.1 | 998.9     |
| 2002 | 998.2     | 996.9   | 995.9   | 995.3     |
| 2003 | 994.8     | 994.6   | 994.5   | 994.4     |
| 2004 | 994.2     | 994.3   | 994.3   | 995.4     |
| 2005 | 994.7     | 994.6   | 994.1   | 993.0     |
| 2006 | 990.9     |         |         |           |

## VITAL STATISTICS

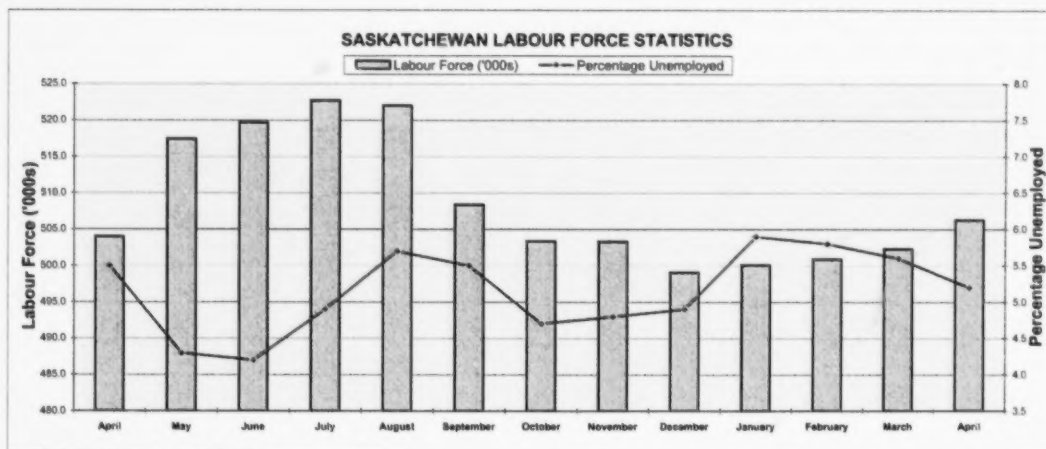
|                  | 2005p | 4th Quarter<br>2004 | Change<br>(%) | 2005p  | January - December<br>2004 | Change<br>(%) |
|------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|--------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Births           | 2,898 | 2,899               | 0.0           | 12,145 | 12,107                     | 0.3           |
| Deaths           | 2,520 | 2,415               | 4.3           | 9,310  | 9,142                      | 1.8           |
| Natural Increase | 378   | 484                 | -21.9         | 2,835  | 2,965                      | -4.4          |
| Marriages        | 864   | 862                 | 0.2           | 5,146  | 5,113                      | 0.6           |

## IMMIGRATION NEW CANADIANS

|                | 2005  | 2004  | Change<br>(%) |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| First Quarter  | 532   | 436   | 22.0          |
| Second Quarter | 635   | 584   | 8.7           |
| Third Quarter  | 553   | 472   | 17.2          |
| Fourth Quarter | 386   | 450   | -14.2         |
| Annual Total   | 2,106 | 1,942 | 8.4           |
|                |       |       |               |
|                | 2004  | 2003  | Change<br>(%) |
| First Quarter  | 436   | 378   | 15.3          |
| Second Quarter | 584   | 414   | 41.1          |
| Third Quarter  | 472   | 413   | 14.3          |
| Fourth Quarter | 450   | 463   | -2.8          |
| Annual Total   | 1,942 | 1,668 | 16.4          |

# LABOUR FORCE AND RELATED DATA

|                     |           | Total | Labour Force<br>Employed<br>( ' 000 ) | Unemployed | Unemployment<br>Rate | Participation<br>Rate<br>(%) |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|---------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Saskatchewan</b> |           |       |                                       |            |                      |                              |
| 2004                | April     | 501.8 | 472.6                                 | 29.3       | 5.8                  | 67.3                         |
|                     | May       | 511.5 | 486.8                                 | 24.7       | 4.8                  | 68.6                         |
|                     | June      | 515.0 | 492.4                                 | 22.6       | 4.4                  | 69.0                         |
|                     | July      | 516.8 | 489.0                                 | 27.8       | 5.4                  | 69.3                         |
|                     | August    | 517.7 | 489.3                                 | 28.4       | 5.5                  | 69.4                         |
|                     | September | 508.1 | 482.8                                 | 25.3       | 5.0                  | 68.1                         |
|                     | October   | 507.2 | 485.5                                 | 21.7       | 4.3                  | 67.9                         |
|                     | November  | 508.2 | 483.9                                 | 24.3       | 4.8                  | 68.1                         |
|                     | December  | 507.3 | 480.9                                 | 26.4       | 5.2                  | 67.9                         |
| 2005                | January   | 501.6 | 473.4                                 | 28.1       | 5.6                  | 67.1                         |
|                     | February  | 503.8 | 476.3                                 | 27.5       | 5.5                  | 67.4                         |
|                     | March     | 507.5 | 479.6                                 | 28.0       | 5.5                  | 67.8                         |
|                     | April     | 504.0 | 476.3                                 | 27.7       | 5.5                  | 67.3                         |
|                     | May       | 517.4 | 495.0                                 | 22.5       | 4.3                  | 69.1                         |
|                     | June      | 519.7 | 498.0                                 | 21.6       | 4.2                  | 69.4                         |
|                     | July      | 522.7 | 497.3                                 | 25.4       | 4.9                  | 69.8                         |
|                     | August    | 522.0 | 492.3                                 | 29.7       | 5.7                  | 69.7                         |
|                     | September | 508.4 | 480.2                                 | 28.2       | 5.5                  | 67.9                         |
|                     | October   | 503.4 | 479.9                                 | 23.5       | 4.7                  | 67.2                         |
|                     | November  | 503.3 | 479.1                                 | 24.2       | 4.8                  | 67.2                         |
|                     | December  | 499.1 | 474.5                                 | 24.6       | 4.9                  | 66.7                         |
| 2006                | January   | 500.1 | 470.8                                 | 29.3       | 5.9                  | 66.9                         |
|                     | February  | 500.9 | 471.9                                 | 29.0       | 5.8                  | 67.0                         |
|                     | March     | 502.3 | 474.4                                 | 28.0       | 5.6                  | 67.2                         |
|                     | April     | 506.3 | 480.0                                 | 26.3       | 5.2                  | 67.8                         |



## EMPLOYED PERSONS BY ACTUAL HOURS WORKED

|                     | April 2006 |       |        | April 2005 |       |        |
|---------------------|------------|-------|--------|------------|-------|--------|
|                     | Total      | Male  | Female | Total      | Male  | Female |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b> |            |       |        |            |       |        |
| Total ( ' 000 )     | 480.0      | 255.9 | 224.1  | 476.3      | 253.5 | 222.9  |
| 1-14 hours          | 41.8       | 13.6  | 28.2   | 39.2       | 15.3  | 23.9   |
| 15-29 hours         | 93.1       | 33.7  | 59.4   | 66.8       | 24.9  | 41.9   |
| 30 plus hours       | 305.6      | 191.8 | 113.9  | 343.6      | 203.0 | 140.6  |
| Not at work         | 39.5       | 16.9  | 22.7   | 26.8       | 10.3  | 16.5   |

# LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS BY AGE AND SEX

|                                 | Total | Male  | Female | 15-24 | 25+   | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65+  |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>             |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| <b>Labour Force ( ' 000 )</b>   |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| April 2006                      | 502.3 | 268.4 | 233.9  | 89.7  | 412.6 | 37.6  | 52.1  | 212.0 | 183.2 | 17.4 |
| March 2006                      | 500.9 | 267.2 | 233.7  | 87.4  | 413.6 | 36.3  | 51.1  | 210.3 | 185.4 | 17.8 |
| April 2005                      | 507.5 | 271.8 | 235.8  | 90.2  | 417.4 | 37.6  | 52.6  | 216.1 | 184.5 | 16.8 |
| <b>Employed ( ' 000 )</b>       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| April 2006                      | 474.4 | 251.7 | 222.7  | 79.2  | 395.2 | 31.9  | 47.2  | 201.8 | 176.2 | 17.2 |
| March 2006                      | 471.9 | 250.7 | 221.3  | 78.3  | 393.6 | 31.4  | 46.9  | 199.3 | 176.9 | 17.4 |
| April 2005                      | 479.6 | 253.1 | 226.5  | 80.7  | 398.9 | 32.9  | 47.8  | 206.5 | 176.2 | 16.2 |
| <b>Unemployed ( ' 000 )</b>     |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| April 2006                      | 28.0  | 16.8  | 11.2   | 10.6  | 17.4  | 5.7   | 4.9   | 10.2  | 7.1   | 0.0  |
| March 2006                      | 29.0  | 16.5  | 12.5   | 9.1   | 19.9  | 4.9   | 4.2   | 11.0  | 8.5   | 0.0  |
| April 2005                      | 28.0  | 18.7  | 9.3    | 9.5   | 18.5  | 4.7   | 4.7   | 9.6   | 8.3   | 0.6  |
| <b>Unemployment Rate ( % )</b>  |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| April 2006                      | 5.6   | 6.3   | 4.8    | 11.8  | 4.2   | 15.2  | 9.4   | 4.8   | 3.9   | 0.0  |
| March 2006                      | 5.8   | 6.2   | 5.3    | 10.4  | 4.8   | 13.5  | 8.2   | 5.2   | 4.6   | 0.0  |
| April 2005                      | 5.5   | 6.9   | 3.9    | 10.5  | 4.4   | 12.5  | 8.9   | 4.4   | 4.5   | 3.6  |
| <b>Participation Rate ( % )</b> |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |
| April 2006                      | 67.2  | 72.9  | 61.8   | 65.0  | 67.8  | 55.1  | 74.5  | 89.0  | 77.3  | 13.0 |
| March 2006                      | 67.0  | 72.5  | 61.7   | 63.2  | 67.9  | 53.1  | 73.1  | 88.1  | 78.3  | 13.3 |
| April 2005                      | 67.8  | 73.7  | 62.2   | 64.8  | 68.5  | 54.3  | 75.1  | 88.9  | 79.6  | 12.5 |

Figures set to 0 (zero) if under 500 persons

## EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY

|                                                 | 2006         | April<br>2005<br>( ' 000 ) | 2004         |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>                             |              |                            |              |
| Agriculture                                     | 46.3         | 44.5                       | 46.5         |
| Manufacturing                                   | 28.7         | 29.8                       | 28.3         |
| Construction                                    | 27.0         | 22.9                       | 20.5         |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Other Utilities | 31.3         | 27.4                       | 26.8         |
| Trade                                           | 80.6         | 81.7                       | 75.7         |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate              | 25.5         | 24.6                       | 27.8         |
| Service                                         | 196.1        | 203.1                      | 204.4        |
| Public Administration                           | 25.4         | 26.3                       | 24.2         |
| Other Primary Industries                        | 19.0         | 16.0                       | 18.3         |
| <b>Total All Industries</b>                     | <b>480.0</b> | <b>476.3</b>               | <b>472.6</b> |

Note: Pertains to the week ending April 15, 2006

## EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STATISTICS

| Saskatchewan<br>February 2006p                      | Regular | Sickness | Maternity | Parental | Training | Other | Feb/06p | Jan/06p | Feb/05r |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Total</b>                                        |         |          |           |          |          |       |         |         |         |
| Beneficiaries                                       | 13,840  | 1,160    | 1,530     | 3,770    | 1,270    | 160   | 21,730  | 20,740  | 24,130  |
| Male                                                | 9,650   | 540      | -         | 200      | 960      | 90    | 11,440  | 11,260  | 13,300  |
| Female                                              | 4,190   | 620      | 1,530     | 3,570    | 310      | 60    | 10,280  | 9,480   | 10,830  |
| Benefits paid<br>during month<br>( \$ ' 000 )       | 18,569  | 1,371    | 1,870     | 4,439    | -        | 143   | 26,412  | 31,532  | 28,449  |
| Number of weeks<br>paid during month                | 59,310  | 4,940    | 6,270     | 15,150   | -        | 560   | 86,230  | 104,280 | 95,230  |
| Average weekly<br>payments during<br>month * ( \$ ) | 313.09  | 277.72   | 298.31    | 293.13   | -        | -     | 306.29  | 302.37  | 298.75  |

\* May exceed maximum weekly benefit due to the inclusion of retroactive payments.

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AND HOURS**

|                                                                 | All Employees                    |              |                                 |              | Salaried Employees                     |              |                                 |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
|                                                                 | Number of Employees<br>( ' 000 ) |              | Avg. Weekly Earnings*<br>( \$ ) |              | Avg. Standard Work Week**<br>( hours ) |              | Avg. Hourly Earnings*<br>( \$ ) |              |
|                                                                 | Feb<br>2006p                     | Jan<br>2006r | Feb<br>2006p                    | Jan<br>2006r | Feb<br>2006p                           | Jan<br>2006r | Feb<br>2006p                    | Jan<br>2006r |
| Goods producing industries                                      | 68.6                             | 66.6         | 904.07                          | 896.89       | 38.4                                   | 38.8         | 30.49                           | 29.89        |
| Forestry                                                        | 1.0                              | 1.0          | 867.57                          | 852.47       | 41.9                                   | 43.5         | 22.83                           | 22.08        |
| Mining and oil and gas extraction                               | 13.8                             | 13.7         | 1,106.01                        | 1,090.24     | 41.1                                   | 41.3         | 37.98                           | 35.76        |
| Construction                                                    | 17.4                             | 17.1         | 813.56                          | 806.66       | 39.1                                   | 39.9         | 20.47                           | 20.78        |
| Utility system construction                                     | 1.7                              | 1.8          | 962.37                          | 949.88       | 44.6                                   | 45.2         | 21.36                           | 23.26        |
| Highway, street and bridge construction                         | 2.2                              | 2.2          | 908.94                          | 922.58       | 39.3                                   | 40.4         | 22.47                           | 22.47        |
| Manufacturing                                                   | 31.9                             | 30.4         | 839.12                          | 831.71       | 37.8                                   | 37.7         | 29.24                           | 29.12        |
| Non-durable goods                                               | 11.9                             | 12.0         | 848.62                          | 824.51       | 37.8                                   | 37.5         | 33.26                           | 32.23        |
| Food                                                            | 6.5                              | 6.9          | 748.43                          | 750.61       | 37.4                                   | 36.9         | 33.75                           | 31.98        |
| Printing & related support activities                           | 1.1                              | 1.1          | 763.54                          | 735.28       | 39.6                                   | 39.7         | 21.08                           | 26.36        |
| Durable goods                                                   | 20.0                             | 18.4         | 833.45                          | 836.39       | 37.8                                   | 37.8         | 26.35                           | 26.51        |
| Machinery                                                       | 5.0                              | 4.9          | 903.01                          | 890.20       | 37.3                                   | 36.6         | 29.57                           | 28.66        |
| Agriculture, construction and mining machinery                  | 3.1                              | 3.1          | 831.81                          | 829.65       | 37.2                                   | 36.5         | 28.13                           | 27.44        |
| Service producing industries                                    | 346.3                            | 344.2        | 648.60                          | 653.05       | 37.6                                   | 37.8         | 23.62                           | 23.62        |
| Trade                                                           | 73.8                             | 74.3         | 532.63                          | 528.31       | 39.5                                   | 39.7         | 22.18                           | 21.98        |
| Wholesale trade                                                 | 19.1                             | 18.8         | 785.97                          | 781.68       | 39.1                                   | 39.1         | 24.80                           | 24.34        |
| Retail trade                                                    | 54.8                             | 55.5         | 444.37                          | 442.72       | 39.9                                   | 40.2         | 19.76                           | 19.89        |
| Automobile dealers                                              | 4.1                              | 4.0          | 832.68                          | 857.57       | 37.5                                   | 38.0         | 25.97                           | 26.46        |
| Gasoline service stations                                       | 5.3                              | 5.2          | 354.76                          | 334.45       | 33.4                                   | 33.6         | 18.56                           | 17.31        |
| Transportation & warehousing                                    | 20.3                             | 19.9         | 758.74                          | 761.68       | 39.1                                   | 38.6         | 20.37                           | 20.56        |
| Finance and insurance                                           | 19.9                             | 19.2         | 854.55                          | 850.00       | 36.4                                   | 36.4         | 26.74                           | 26.91        |
| Real estate, rental & leasing                                   | 6.1                              | 6.0          | 672.23                          | 670.48       | 42.1                                   | 41.5         | 19.22                           | 18.32        |
| Administrative, support, waste management & remediation service | 10.8                             | 10.8         | 523.29                          | 520.46       | 36.8                                   | 36.7         | 22.66                           | 23.04        |
| Educational services                                            | 47.2                             | 47.1         | 821.80                          | 857.65       | 38.2                                   | 38.6         | 22.90                           | 23.50        |
| Elementary & secondary schools                                  | 31.6                             | 31.5         | 850.72                          | 900.94       | 43.7                                   | 43.9         | 24.31                           | 25.31        |
| Health care & social assistance                                 | 56.5                             | 55.9         | 675.57                          | 678.12       | 33.1                                   | 34.2         | 25.88                           | 25.26        |
| General medical & surgical hospitals                            | 16.8                             | 16.5         | 698.08                          | 713.51       | 21.7                                   | 22.2         | 39.83                           | 43.15        |
| Nursing & residential care facilities                           | 15.6                             | 15.7         | 689.55                          | 661.35       | 33.7                                   | 35.0         | 30.55                           | 28.61        |
| Accommodation & food services                                   | 29.3                             | 29.7         | 280.18                          | 280.41       | 39.5                                   | 39.1         | 16.74                           | 16.55        |
| Food services & drinking places                                 | 22.7                             | 23.1         | 265.21                          | 267.48       | 43.5                                   | 42.5         | 14.72                           | 15.09        |
| Public Administration                                           | 32.9                             | 32.5         | 831.22                          | 841.44       | 37.2                                   | 37.3         | 26.15                           | 25.85        |
| Industrial Aggregate                                            | 414.9                            | 410.7        | 690.83                          | 692.59       | 37.7                                   | 37.9         | 24.41                           | 24.35        |

\* including overtime

\*\* excluding overtime

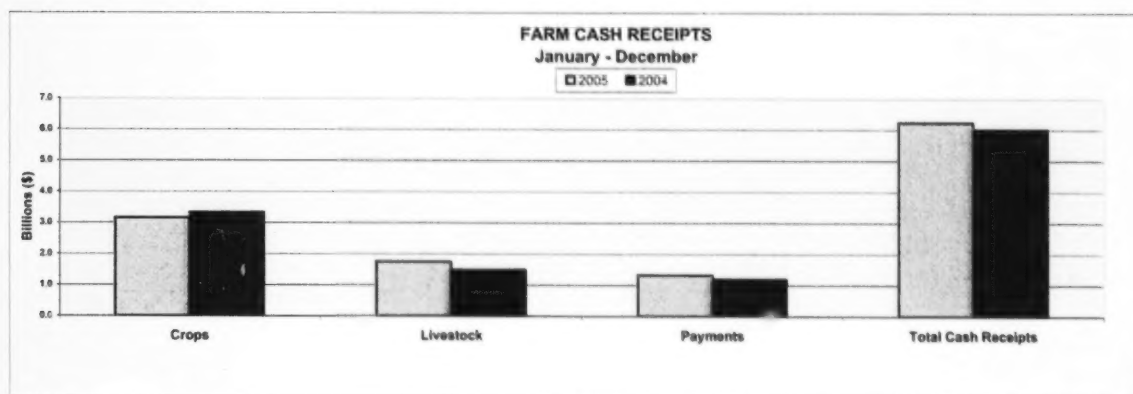
Industrial Aggregate = sum of all industries - with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, private household services, religious organizations and military services.

Note: Data based on the 2002 NAICS.

# SASKATCHEWAN FARM CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARMING OPERATIONS

|                                         | 2005        | January - December<br>2004 | Change<br>(%) |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------------|
|                                         | (\$ ' 000 ) |                            |               |
| Wheat, excluding durum                  | 443,879     | 579,727                    | -23.4         |
| Wheat, excluding durum - CWB payments/1 | 202,807     | 274,238                    | -26.0         |
| Durum                                   | 274,383     | 267,751                    | 2.5           |
| Durum - CWB payments/1                  | 147,913     | 165,827                    | -10.8         |
| Oats                                    | 115,501     | 85,577                     | 35.0          |
| Oats, CWB payments/1                    | -           | -                          | -             |
| Barley                                  | 164,008     | 199,078                    | -17.6         |
| Barley, CWB payments/1                  | 80,630      | 78,355                     | 2.9           |
| Deferred grain receipts                 | -208,883    | -348,890                   | -40.1         |
| Liquidation of deferred grain receipts  | 337,982     | 330,337                    | 2.3           |
| Rye                                     | 1,791       | 5,384                      | -66.7         |
| Flaxseed                                | 132,234     | 134,881                    | -2.0          |
| Canola - Rapeseed                       | 737,352     | 733,904                    | 0.5           |
| Potatoes                                | 24,169      | 61,188                     | -60.5         |
| Floriculture and nursery                | 26,722      | 26,272                     | 1.7           |
| Forest products                         | 2,917       | 2,872                      | 1.6           |
| Other crops                             | 673,409     | 739,658                    | -9.0          |
| Total crops                             | 3,156,814   | 3,336,159                  | -5.4          |
| Cattle                                  | 831,315     | 635,164                    | 30.9          |
| Calves                                  | 282,062     | 190,813                    | 47.8          |
| Hogs                                    | 308,969     | 332,735                    | -7.1          |
| Sheep and lambs                         | 6,160       | 3,393                      | 81.6          |
| Dairy Products                          | 132,366     | 124,224                    | 6.6           |
| Poultry                                 | 57,343      | 64,263                     | -10.8         |
| Eggs                                    | 22,728      | 22,627                     | 0.4           |
| Other livestock                         | 106,121     | 110,406                    | -3.9          |
| Total livestock and products            | 1,747,064   | 1,483,625                  | 17.8          |
| NISA Payments                           | 156,795     | 297,776                    | -47.3         |
| Crop and hail insurance payments/2      | 352,981     | 336,823                    | 4.8           |
| Income Disaster Assistance              | 505,472     | 315,700                    | 60.1          |
| Dairy Subsidy                           | -           | -                          | ---           |
| Other payments                          | 307,985     | 239,696                    | 28.5          |
| Total direct payments                   | 1,323,233   | 1,189,995                  | 11.2          |
| Total cash receipts                     | 6,227,111   | 6,009,779                  | 3.6           |

1. Represents payments made by the Canadian Wheat Board direct to producers.
2. Crop insurance payments include payments under the Crop Insurance Act as well as private hail insurance plans.



**SASKATCHEWAN LIVESTOCK MARKETINGS**

|                                         | 2006          | January<br>2005 | Change<br>(%) | 2005             | January - December<br>2004 | Change<br>(%) |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Feeder Cattle Exports</b>            |               |                 |               |                  |                            |               |
| Steers                                  | 37,150        | 29,330          | 26.7          | 538,900          | 466,740                    | 15.5          |
| Heifers                                 | 34,650        | 18,790          | 84.4          | 427,090          | 339,350                    | 25.9          |
| Cows                                    | 330           | 370             | -10.8         | 5,290            | 4,680                      | 13.0          |
| Bulls                                   | 20            | 30              | -33.3         | 1,180            | 1,270                      | -7.1          |
| Total Feeder Cattle Exports             | 72,150        | 48,520          | 48.7          | 972,460          | 812,040                    | 19.8          |
| <b>Feeder Cattle to Saskatchewan</b>    |               |                 |               |                  |                            |               |
| Steers                                  | 14,840        | 15,930          | -6.8          | 316,910          | 288,170                    | 10.0          |
| Heifers                                 | 10,010        | 10,840          | -7.7          | 236,360          | 199,030                    | 18.8          |
| Cows                                    | 1,080         | 840             | 28.6          | 11,240           | 8,420                      | 33.5          |
| Bulls                                   | 80            | 40              | 100.0         | 2,220            | 1,830                      | 21.3          |
| Total Feeder Cattle to Saskatchewan     | 26,010        | 27,650          | -5.9          | 566,730          | 497,450                    | 13.9          |
| <b>Total Feeder Cattle Marketed</b>     | <b>98,160</b> | <b>76,170</b>   | <b>28.9</b>   | <b>1,539,190</b> | <b>1,309,490</b>           | <b>17.5</b>   |
| <b>Slaughter Cattle Exports</b>         |               |                 |               |                  |                            |               |
| Steers                                  | 5,240         | 9,010           | -41.8         | 90,650           | 99,590                     | -9.0          |
| Heifers                                 | 2,750         | 7,500           | -63.3         | 62,310           | 55,960                     | 11.3          |
| Cows                                    | 2,220         | 60              | ---           | 25,520           | 56,180                     | -54.6         |
| Bulls                                   | 60            | 20              | ---           | 3,190            | 7,990                      | -60.1         |
| Calves                                  | -             | -               | ---           | 40               | 20                         | 100.0         |
| Total Slaughter Cattle Exports          | 10,270        | 16,590          | -38.1         | 181,710          | 219,740                    | -17.3         |
| <b>Slaughter Cattle to Saskatchewan</b> |               |                 |               |                  |                            |               |
| Steers                                  | 5,900         | 1,790           | ---           | 69,590           | 99,460                     | -30.0         |
| Heifers                                 | 3,510         | 1,100           | ---           | 39,440           | 51,840                     | -23.9         |
| Cows                                    | 15,830        | 8,810           | 79.7          | 106,700          | 9,390                      | ---           |
| Bulls                                   | 2,380         | 1,240           | 91.9          | 25,760           | 6,940                      | ---           |
| Calves                                  | 50            | 60              | -16.7         | 190              | 110                        | 72.7          |
| Total Slaughter Cattle to Saskatchewan  | 27,670        | 13,000          | ---           | 241,680          | 167,740                    | 44.1          |
| <b>Total Slaughter Cattle Marketed</b>  | <b>37,940</b> | <b>29,590</b>   | <b>28.2</b>   | <b>423,390</b>   | <b>387,480</b>             | <b>9.3</b>    |
| Total Cattle Marketed                   | 136,100       | 105,760         | 28.7          | 1,962,580        | 1,696,970                  | 15.7          |
| Sheep and lambs                         | 416           | 824             | -49.5         | 11,974           | 12,593                     | -4.9          |
| Hogs Saskatchewan Origin of Slaughter   | 82,678        | 110,787         | -25.4         | 1,204,281        | 1,347,270                  | -10.6         |

**SASKATCHEWAN AVERAGE PRICE OF  
SLAUGHTER AND FEEDER CATTLE**

|                         | 2006<br>\$/ 100 lbs | January<br>2005 | Change<br>(%) |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Slaughter Cattle</b> |                     |                 |               |
| A Steers, Liveweight    | 92.94               | 82.66           | 12.4          |
| A Heifers, Liveweight   | 92.35               | 82.47           | 12.0          |
| Cows D1, 2              | 30.00               | 24.00           | 25.0          |
| <b>Feeder Cattle</b>    |                     |                 |               |
| Steers 700-800 lbs      | 118.98              | 103.79          | 14.6          |
| Steers 600-700 lbs      | 127.82              | 109.33          | 16.9          |
| Steers 500-600 lbs      | 139.82              | 116.71          | 19.8          |

**SASKATCHEWAN FARMERS' MARKETING OF GRAIN AT PRIMARY ELEVATORS**

|                                           | Wheat              | Durum<br>Wheat | Oats  | Barley  | Peas    | Flax seed | Canola  | Corn | Total    |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|------|----------|
|                                           | (' 000 ) of tonnes |                |       |         |         |           |         |      |          |
| Period April 2, 2006<br>to April 23, 2006 | 422.8              | 265.7          | 33.6  | 174.0   | 100.6   | 26.3      | 152.8   | 0.0  | 1,175.8  |
| Same period last year                     | 278.0              | 162.5          | 45.2  | 138.1   | 77.2    | 16.5      | 100.2   | 0.0  | 817.7    |
| Crop year to date                         | 3,975.1            | 2,104.4        | 769.1 | 2,159.8 | 1,124.4 | 310.4     | 2,005.0 | 0.1  | 12,448.3 |
| Same period last year                     | 3,750.2            | 1,647.8        | 438.2 | 1,530.1 | 822.6   | 250.2     | 1,103.6 | 0.0  | 9,542.7  |

# EGG PRODUCTION AND DISPOSITION

|                                 | 2005  | December<br>2004 | Change<br>(%) | 2005   | January - December<br>2004 | Change<br>(%) |
|---------------------------------|-------|------------------|---------------|--------|----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>             |       |                  |               |        |                            |               |
| <b>Production</b>               |       |                  |               |        |                            |               |
| Average number of layers ('000) | 1,207 | 1,118            | 8.0           | 13,864 | 13,031                     | 6.4           |
| Eggs per 100 layers             | 2,067 | 2,112            | -2.1          |        |                            |               |
| Egg production ('000 dozen)     | 2,079 | 1,968            | 5.6           | 23,553 | 22,499                     | 4.7           |
| <b>Disposition</b>              |       |                  |               |        |                            |               |
| Sold for consumption            |       |                  |               |        |                            |               |
| Quantity ('000 dozen)           | 1,784 | 1,735            | 2.8           | 20,593 | 19,785                     | 4.1           |
| Value (\$'000)                  | 1,947 | 1,995            | -2.4          | 22,499 | 23,611                     | -4.7          |
| Farm price (cent per dozen)     | 109.1 | 115.0            | -5.1          | 109.3  | 119.3                      | -8.4          |
| <b>Used by producers</b>        |       |                  |               |        |                            |               |
| Quantity ('000 dozen)           | 15    | 15               | -             | 180    | 180                        | -             |
| Value (\$'000)                  | 20    | 20               | -             | 230    | 247                        | -6.9          |

# BANKRUPTCY BY INDUSTRY

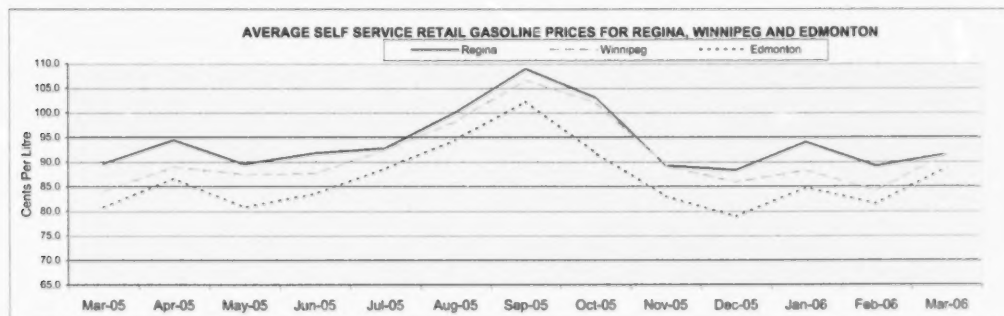
|                                            | 2006  | February<br>2005 | Change<br>(%) | 2006   | January - February<br>2005 | Change<br>(%) |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|---------------|--------|----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>                        |       |                  |               |        |                            |               |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 6     | 6                | -             | 11     | 14                         | -21.4         |
| Mining and oil and gas extraction          | -     | -                | ---           | -      | -                          | ---           |
| Utilities                                  | -     | -                | ---           | -      | -                          | ---           |
| Construction                               | 4     | 6                | -33.3         | 8      | 9                          | -11.1         |
| Manufacturing                              | -     | -                | ---           | -      | -                          | ---           |
| Wholesale trade                            | -     | 1                | ---           | 2      | 1                          | ---           |
| Retail trade                               | 3     | 4                | -25.0         | 7      | 5                          | 40.0          |
| Transportation and warehousing             | 3     | 5                | -40.0         | 5      | 7                          | -28.6         |
| Finance and insurance                      | -     | -                | ---           | -      | 1                          | ---           |
| Real estate and rental                     | -     | -                | ---           | 1      | 2                          | -50.0         |
| Professional, scientific and technical     | 2     | 2                | -             | 2      | 2                          | -             |
| Health and social assistance               | -     | -                | ---           | 1      | -                          | ---           |
| Arts, entertainment & recreation           | -     | 1                | ---           | -      | 1                          | ---           |
| Accommodation and food                     | 3     | 3                | -             | 4      | 8                          | -50.0         |
| Other service                              | 2     | 2                | -             | 4      | 6                          | -33.3         |
| Total Industries                           | 25    | 30               | -16.7         | 53     | 57                         | -7.0          |
| Bankruptcy by consumer                     | 185   | 159              | 16.4          | 348    | 318                        | 9.4           |
| <b>Canada</b>                              |       |                  |               |        |                            |               |
| Bankruptcy by industry                     | 589   | 736              | -20.0         | 1,213  | 1,334                      | -9.1          |
| Bankruptcy by consumer                     | 6,701 | 7,098            | -5.6          | 12,935 | 13,292                     | -2.7          |

# RETAIL SALES BY TRADE GROUP

|                                          | 2006p       | February<br>2005r | Change | January - February |          |        |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|----------|--------|
|                                          | \$ Millions |                   | (%)    | 2006p              | 2005r    | Change |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>                      |             |                   |        |                    |          |        |
| Food and Beverage Stores                 | 177.1       | 174.4             | 1.6    | 357.3              | 363.0    | -1.6   |
| Pharmacies and Personal Care Stores      | 42.2        | 43.2              | -2.4   | 87.9               | 87.9     | 0.0    |
| Shoe, Clothing Accessories and Jewellery | 6.6         | 6.6               | 0.8    | 12.5               | 12.3     | 2.4    |
| Clothing Stores                          | 19.6        | 20.0              | -2.2   | 41.7               | 43.0     | -3.0   |
| Furniture stores                         | 11.2        | 10.6              | 5.3    | 22.9               | 21.1     | 8.4    |
| Home Electronics and Appliance Stores    | 19.5        | 15.1              | 29.7   | 41.6               | 32.6     | 27.4   |
| Home Furnishings Stores                  | 8.3         | 6.9               | 20.6   | 16.9               | 12.8     | 32.7   |
| Computer and Software Stores             | 3.5         | 2.7               | 27.7   | 7.0                | 5.6      | 26.2   |
| New Car Dealers                          | 145.4       | 147.9             | -1.7   | 287.2              | 282.6    | 1.6    |
| Used & Rec Vehicle and Parts Dealers     | 35.5        | 33.4              | 6.4    | 67.3               | 60.9     | 10.5   |
| Gasoline Stations                        | 109.6       | 103.9             | 5.5    | 227.8              | 211.9    | 7.5    |
| General Merchandise Stores               | 100.8       | 92.3              | 9.3    | 212.3              | 190.2    | 11.6   |
| Home Centres and Hardware Stores         | 31.7        | 23.4              | 35.2   | 65.0               | 45.3     | 43.3   |
| Specialized Bldg Materials and Gardens   | 11.2        | 9.6               | 16.3   | 20.8               | 17.2     | 20.8   |
| Sporting Goods, Hobby, Music and Book    | 11.1        | 9.5               | 16.8   | 22.9               | 19.3     | 18.2   |
| Miscellaneous Store Retailers            | 13.2        | 14.5              | -8.9   | 26.3               | 28.4     | -7.6   |
| Total All Stores                         | 746.4       | 713.9             | 4.6    | 1,517.5            | 1,434.1  | 5.8    |
| <b>Canada</b>                            |             |                   |        |                    |          |        |
| Total All Stores                         | 25,337.8    | 24,136.9          | 5.0    | 51,516.0           | 48,719.4 | 5.7    |

# AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF REGULAR UNLEADED GASOLINE

|                            | Full Service Stations |                  |               | Self-Serve Stations |                  |               |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                            | March<br>2006         | February<br>2006 | March<br>2005 | March<br>2006       | February<br>2006 | March<br>2005 |
|                            | cents per litre       |                  |               |                     |                  |               |
| St. John's                 | 101.2                 | 106.8            | 96.4          | 99.5                | 103.8            | 93.9          |
| Charlottetown - Summerside | 96.5                  | 100.5            | 88.2          | 93.6                | 99.4             | 86.4          |
| Sydney                     | 103.3                 | 102.0            | 95.2          | 100.3               | 99.0             | 92.7          |
| Halifax                    | 102.3                 | 97.3             | 94.6          | 101.2               | 93.6             | 91.8          |
| Moncton                    | 101.9                 | 99.3             | 93.9          | 100.3               | 96.4             | 92.5          |
| Chicoutimi                 | 98.5                  | 94.8             | 88.6          | 95.5                | 94.0             | 88.2          |
| Quebec City                | 99.3                  | 96.4             | 92.3          | 99.3                | 96.4             | 92.7          |
| Trois Rivières             | 97.5                  | 97.4             | 92.7          | 97.5                | 98.4             | 92.2          |
| Montreal                   | 99.8                  | 94.6             | 92.4          | 98.2                | 92.0             | 91.4          |
| Ottawa                     | 92.1                  | 88.4             | 85.1          | 89.0                | 84.6             | 82.4          |
| Toronto                    | 91.7                  | 86.3             | 85.3          | 91.1                | 85.5             | 83.8          |
| London                     | 91.0                  | 86.5             | 85.5          | 90.8                | 83.4             | 84.5          |
| Windsor                    | 91.9                  | 87.2             | 84.6          | 89.0                | 85.1             | 79.7          |
| Sudbury                    | 95.2                  | 87.8             | 87.1          | 93.5                | 85.9             | 85.3          |
| Thunder Bay                | 94.2                  | 86.6             | 91.6          | 95.1                | 85.9             | 90.9          |
| Winnipeg                   | 91.4                  | 84.9             | 84.7          | 91.6                | 84.2             | 84.1          |
| Regina                     | 93.2                  | 88.6             | 89.8          | 91.5                | 89.1             | 89.6          |
| Saskatoon                  | 93.8                  | 90.9             | 90.1          | 95.3                | 90.8             | 90.0          |
| Edmonton                   | 90.3                  | 82.7             | 82.5          | 88.8                | 81.5             | 80.8          |
| Calgary                    | 90.1                  | 84.5             | 83.1          | 87.6                | 83.1             | 81.7          |
| Prince George              | 96.6                  | 95.9             | 92.3          | 96.3                | 95.5             | 92.0          |
| Vancouver                  | 98.5                  | 91.3             | 93.3          | 97.1                | 89.0             | 92.0          |
| Victoria                   | 99.7                  | 94.5             | 94.4          | 98.2                | 93.7             | 92.8          |



# NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

|                                 | February     |              |            | January - February |              |            |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|
|                                 | 2006         | 2005         | Change (%) | 2006               | 2005         | Change (%) |
|                                 | Number       |              |            |                    |              |            |
| <b>Passenger Cars:</b>          |              |              |            |                    |              |            |
| Manufactured in North America   | 634          | 544          | 16.5       | 1,102              | 980          | 12.4       |
| Manufactured in Japan           | 65           | 63           | 3.2        | 108                | 116          | -6.9       |
| Manufactured in other countries | 105          | 108          | -2.8       | 195                | 194          | 0.5        |
| <b>Commercial Vehicles:</b>     |              |              |            |                    |              |            |
| Manufactured in North America   | 1,418        | 1,466        | -3.3       | 2,618              | 2,571        | 1.8        |
| Manufactured Overseas           | 154          | 146          | 5.5        | 259                | 259          | 0.0        |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>2,376</b> | <b>2,327</b> | <b>2.1</b> | <b>4,282</b>       | <b>4,120</b> | <b>3.9</b> |

## HOUSING STATISTICS

|                                             | 1st Quarter |       |            | January - December |       |            |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-------|------------|--------------------|-------|------------|
|                                             | 2006        | 2005  | Change (%) | 2005               | 2004  | Change (%) |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>                         |             |       |            |                    |       |            |
| Dwelling starts                             | 485         | 385   | 26.0       | 3,437              | 3,781 | -9.1       |
| Dwelling completions                        | 678         | 659   | 2.9        | 3,476              | 3,122 | 11.3       |
| Dwellings under construction, end of period | 1,817       | 1,997 | -9.0       |                    |       |            |
| <b>Dwelling Starts</b>                      |             |       |            |                    |       |            |
| Saskatchewan/1                              | 452         | 334   | 35.3       | 2,502              | 3,144 | -20.4      |
| Estevan                                     | 1           | 11    | -90.9      | 79                 | 21    | —          |
| Lloydminster/2                              | 23          | 9     | —          | 172                | 59    | —          |
| Moose Jaw                                   | 8           | 24    | -66.7      | 93                 | 79    | 17.7       |
| North Battleford                            | 0           | 3     | -          | 20                 | 18    | 11.1       |
| Prince Albert                               | 4           | 2     | —          | 104                | 79    | 31.6       |
| Regina Metro                                | 165         | 84    | 96.4       | 888                | 1,242 | -28.5      |
| Saskatoon Metro                             | 246         | 197   | 24.9       | 1,062              | 1,578 | -32.7      |
| Swift Current                               | 5           | 4     | 25.0       | 52                 | 40    | 30.0       |
| Yorkton                                     | 0           | 0     | —          | 32                 | 28    | 14.3       |
| <b>Dwelling Completions</b>                 |             |       |            |                    |       |            |
| Saskatchewan/1                              | 552         | 445   | 24.0       | 2,714              | 2,560 | 6.0        |
| Estevan                                     | 38          | 10    | —          | 46                 | 15    | —          |
| Lloydminster/2                              | 63          | 11    | —          | 66                 | 68    | -2.9       |
| Moose Jaw                                   | 17          | 19    | -10.5      | 85                 | 71    | 19.7       |
| North Battleford                            | 0           | 6     | -          | 19                 | 20    | -5.0       |
| Prince Albert                               | 24          | 17    | 41.2       | 99                 | 75    | 32.0       |
| Regina Metro                                | 182         | 193   | -5.7       | 986                | 926   | 6.5        |
| Saskatoon Metro                             | 212         | 182   | 16.5       | 1,329              | 1,322 | 0.5        |
| Swift Current                               | 10          | 4     | —          | 55                 | 33    | 66.7       |
| Yorkton                                     | 6           | 3     | —          | 29                 | 30    | -3.3       |
| <b>Dwellings under Construction</b>         |             |       |            |                    |       |            |
| Saskatchewan/1                              | 1,559       | 1,764 | -11.6      |                    |       |            |
| Estevan                                     | 6           | 11    | -45.5      |                    |       |            |
| Lloydminster/2                              | 77          | -61   | -226.2     |                    |       |            |
| Moose Jaw                                   | 23          | 29    | -20.7      |                    |       |            |
| North Battleford                            | 8           | 4     | —          |                    |       |            |
| Prince Albert                               | 6           | 6     | 0.0        |                    |       |            |
| Regina Metro                                | 741         | 830   | -10.7      |                    |       |            |
| Saskatoon Metro                             | 692         | 931   | -25.7      |                    |       |            |
| Swift Current                               | 4           | 12    | -66.7      |                    |       |            |
| Yorkton                                     | 2           | 2     | 0.0        |                    |       |            |

|                                     | March |      |            | January - March |      |            |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------------|-----------------|------|------------|
|                                     | 2006  | 2005 | Change (%) | 2006            | 2005 | Change (%) |
| <b>Dwelling Starts</b>              |       |      |            |                 |      |            |
| Regina Metro                        | 67    | 35   | 91.4       | 165             | 84   | 96.4       |
| Saskatoon Metro                     | 85    | 56   | 51.8       | 246             | 197  | 24.9       |
| <b>Dwelling Completions</b>         |       |      |            |                 |      |            |
| Regina Metro                        | 81    | 71   | 14.1       | 182             | 193  | -5.7       |
| Saskatoon Metro                     | 59    | 43   | 37.2       | 212             | 182  | 16.5       |
| <b>Dwellings under Construction</b> |       |      |            |                 |      |            |
| Regina Metro                        | 741   | 751  | -1.3       |                 |      |            |
| Saskatoon Metro                     | 692   | 940  | -26.4      |                 |      |            |

1 Centres of 10,000 population and over.  
2 Saskatchewan part only.

**VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION**

|                              | Residential | Industrial | Commercial<br>(\$ ' 000) | Institutional<br>& Government | Total   |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| <b>March, 2006</b>           |             |            |                          |                               |         |
| Saskatchewan **              | 30,765      | 1,537      | 16,465                   | 21,340                        | 70,107  |
| Estevan                      | 131         | -          | 10                       | -                             | 141     |
| Weyburn                      | 555         | -          | 1,250                    | -                             | 1,805   |
| Regina                       | 7,784       | 300        | 6,850                    | 26                            | 14,960  |
| Moose Jaw                    | 539         | -          | 2,400                    | -                             | 2,939   |
| Swift Current                | 315         | -          | 1,207                    | 2                             | 1,524   |
| Saskatoon                    | 10,391      | 663        | 2,334                    | 21,303                        | 34,691  |
| Humboldt                     | 15          | -          | -                        | -                             | 15      |
| Melville                     | -           | -          | 127                      | -                             | 127     |
| Yorkton                      | 335         | -          | 121                      | -                             | 456     |
| Melfort                      | 5           | -          | 50                       | -                             | 55      |
| North Battleford             | 100         | -          | 389                      | -                             | 489     |
| Prince Albert                | 716         | -          | 70                       | -                             | 786     |
| Lloydminster *               | 2,727       | 367        | 858                      | -                             | 3,952   |
| <b>March, 2005</b>           |             |            |                          |                               |         |
| Saskatchewan **              | 22,237      | 12,622     | 30,928                   | 14,946                        | 80,733  |
| Estevan                      | 185         | -          | -                        | -                             | 185     |
| Weyburn                      | 160         | -          | 21                       | -                             | 181     |
| Regina                       | 5,554       | 120        | 2,681                    | 12,206                        | 20,561  |
| Moose Jaw                    | 538         | -          | 618                      | -                             | 1,156   |
| Swift Current                | 532         | -          | 1,712                    | -                             | 2,244   |
| Saskatoon                    | 5,207       | 12,434     | 12,801                   | 468                           | 30,910  |
| Humboldt                     | 131         | -          | 9                        | 90                            | 230     |
| Melville                     | 301         | -          | 140                      | -                             | 441     |
| Yorkton                      | 370         | -          | 1,035                    | -                             | 1,405   |
| Melfort                      | 4           | -          | 39                       | -                             | 43      |
| North Battleford             | -           | -          | 788                      | 55                            | 843     |
| Prince Albert                | 578         | -          | 7,567                    | -                             | 8,145   |
| Lloydminster *               | 6,378       | -          | 221                      | 376                           | 6,975   |
| <b>January - March, 2006</b> |             |            |                          |                               |         |
| Saskatchewan **              | 70,085      | 5,896      | 52,934                   | 49,446                        | 178,361 |
| Estevan                      | 134         | -          | 691                      | 722                           | 1,547   |
| Weyburn                      | 768         | -          | 1,282                    | -                             | 2,050   |
| Regina                       | 20,961      | 596        | 13,394                   | 9,392                         | 44,343  |
| Moose Jaw                    | 1,594       | 250        | 2,400                    | 5,170                         | 9,414   |
| Swift Current                | 518         | 30         | 4,853                    | 2                             | 5,403   |
| Saskatoon                    | 22,958      | 2,795      | 21,724                   | 33,176                        | 80,653  |
| Humboldt                     | 203         | -          | 40                       | -                             | 243     |
| Melville                     | -           | -          | 127                      | -                             | 127     |
| Yorkton                      | 335         | -          | 381                      | -                             | 716     |
| Melfort                      | 15          | -          | 50                       | -                             | 65      |
| North Battleford             | 103         | 535        | 409                      | 275                           | 1,322   |
| Prince Albert                | 859         | -          | 1,283                    | 53                            | 2,195   |
| Lloydminster *               | 16,530      | 367        | 2,209                    | -                             | 19,106  |
| <b>January - March, 2005</b> |             |            |                          |                               |         |
| Saskatchewan **              | 55,448      | 17,348     | 65,558                   | 25,933                        | 164,287 |
| Estevan                      | 2,072       | 373        | 1,419                    | 11                            | 3,875   |
| Weyburn                      | 194         | -          | 544                      | -                             | 738     |
| Regina                       | 13,365      | 2,848      | 23,182                   | 19,520                        | 58,915  |
| Moose Jaw                    | 1,281       | -          | 696                      | -                             | 1,977   |
| Swift Current                | 1,035       | -          | 2,097                    | 15                            | 3,147   |
| Saskatoon                    | 19,420      | 13,910     | 17,432                   | 3,220                         | 53,982  |
| Humboldt                     | 430         | -          | 506                      | 90                            | 1,026   |
| Melville                     | 301         | -          | 140                      | 170                           | 611     |
| Yorkton                      | 451         | -          | 1,054                    | 285                           | 1,790   |
| Melfort                      | 315         | -          | 238                      | 6                             | 559     |
| North Battleford             | 295         | -          | 1,817                    | 221                           | 2,333   |
| Prince Albert                | 594         | -          | 10,788                   | -                             | 11,382  |
| Lloydminster *               | 10,994      | 1,537      | 21,293                   | 376                           | 34,200  |

\* includes both Alberta and Saskatchewan parts

\*\* does not include Lloydminster

**VALUE OF SHIPMENTS OF GOODS MANUFACTURED**

|                                                                        | 2006p      | February<br>2005r | Change | 2006p      | January - February<br>2005r | Change |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------|------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                                                                        | (\$ ' 000) |                   | (%)    | (\$ ' 000) |                             | (%)    |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>                                                    |            |                   |        |            |                             |        |
| <b>Industry Group:</b>                                                 |            |                   |        |            |                             |        |
| Food                                                                   | 145,994    | 143,917           | 1.4    | 315,738    | 293,975                     | 7.4    |
| Beverage                                                               | 2,485      | 2,085             | 19.2   | 4,527      | 3,972                       | 14.0   |
| Wood                                                                   | 52,744     | 71,965            | -26.7  | 119,411    | 143,157                     | -16.6  |
| Printing & Related Support Activities                                  | 8,618      | 8,907             | -3.2   | 18,402     | 19,773                      | -6.9   |
| Metal fabrication (except machine & transportation equipment industry) | 40,705     | 28,850            | 41.1   | 83,378     | 62,243                      | 34.0   |
| Machines                                                               | 66,154     | 62,162            | 6.4    | 123,883    | 115,347                     | 7.4    |
| Electrical Equipment                                                   | 15,658     | 12,140            | 29.0   | 33,246     | 24,660                      | 34.8   |
| Non-metallic mineral products                                          | 3,764      | 2,456             | 53.3   | 7,875      | 5,012                       | 57.1   |
| Chemical & chemical products                                           | 82,765     | 102,088           | -18.9  | 156,047    | 200,095                     | -22.0  |
| N.E.S.                                                                 | 450,721    | 403,020           | 11.8   | 983,008    | 783,523                     | 25.5   |
| Total Value/1                                                          | 869,608    | 837,590           | 3.8    | 1,845,515  | 1,651,757                   | 11.7   |

1 Total includes the value of shipments for the industries for which individual data must be suppressed to comply with the Statistics Act.

**EXPORTS ORIGINATING IN SASKATCHEWAN**

|                                  | 2006       | February<br>2005 | Change | 2006       | January - February<br>2005 | Change |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------|------------|----------------------------|--------|
|                                  | (\$ ' 000) |                  | (%)    | (\$ ' 000) |                            | (%)    |
| Agriculture and Fishing Products | 304,500    | 255,000          | 19.4   | 610,900    | 463,400                    | 31.8   |
| Energy Products                  | 456,600    | 276,400          | 65.2   | 953,000    | 645,600                    | 47.6   |
| Forestry Products                | 58,000     | 77,000           | -24.7  | 130,600    | 145,800                    | -10.4  |
| Industrial Goods                 | 271,700    | 370,800          | -26.7  | 498,200    | 599,000                    | -16.8  |
| Machinery and Equipment          | 83,400     | 60,200           | 38.5   | 144,800    | 108,900                    | 33.0   |
| Automotive Products              | 4,400      | 5,900            | -25.4  | 9,600      | 11,200                     | -14.3  |
| Consumer Goods                   | 2,300      | 3,300            | -30.3  | 5,000      | 5,300                      | -5.7   |
| Special Transactions             | 10,500     | 9,800            | 7.1    | 22,800     | 20,600                     | 10.7   |
| Total Exports                    | 1,191,400  | 1,058,400        | 12.6   | 2,374,900  | 1,999,800                  | 18.8   |

**IMPORTS CLEARED IN SASKATCHEWAN**

|                                  | 2006       | February<br>2005 | Change | 2006       | January - February<br>2005 | Change |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------|------------|----------------------------|--------|
|                                  | (\$ ' 000) |                  | (%)    | (\$ ' 000) |                            | (%)    |
| Agriculture and Fishing Products | 17,100     | 18,500           | -7.6   | 37,900     | 37,700                     | 0.5    |
| Energy Products                  | 12,300     | 5,400            | —      | 24,100     | 9,900                      | —      |
| Forestry Products                | 1,600      | 1,800            | -11.1  | 2,600      | 3,500                      | -25.7  |
| Industrial Goods                 | 142,800    | 130,100          | 9.8    | 288,400    | 256,600                    | 12.4   |
| Machinery and Equipment          | 219,200    | 206,100          | 6.4    | 435,700    | 378,500                    | 15.1   |
| Automotive Products              | 73,800     | 63,900           | 15.5   | 163,600    | 126,600                    | 29.2   |
| Consumer Goods                   | 19,300     | 19,400           | -0.5   | 38,600     | 37,800                     | 2.1    |
| Special Transactions             | 300        | 1,100            | -72.7  | 2,100      | 2,200                      | -4.5   |
| Total Imports                    | 486,400    | 446,300          | 9.0    | 993,000    | 852,800                    | 16.4   |

**RESTAURANT, CATERER AND TAVERN RECEIPTS**

|                             | 2006p      | February<br>2005r | Change | 2006p      | January - February<br>2005r | Change |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------|------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                             | (\$ ' 000) |                   | (%)    | (\$ ' 000) |                             | (%)    |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>         |            |                   |        |            |                             |        |
| Full Service Restaurants    | 34,156     | 32,619            | 4.7    | 69,790     | 66,014                      | 5.7    |
| Limited Service Restaurants | 27,124     | 25,668            | 5.7    | 56,444     | 51,585                      | 9.4    |
| Caterers                    | 2,846      | 2,799             | 1.7    | 5,598      | 5,473                       | 2.3    |
| Taverns                     | 6,018      | 3,895             | 54.5   | 11,850     | 7,860                       | 50.8   |
| Total                       | 70,144     | 64,982            | 7.9    | 143,682    | 130,932                     | 9.7    |

# MINERAL PRODUCTION

| MINERAL PRODUCTION  |                  |       |               |            |                         |        |            |
|---------------------|------------------|-------|---------------|------------|-------------------------|--------|------------|
|                     | Units of Measure | 2006  | January 2005  | Change (%) | January - December 2005 |        |            |
|                     |                  |       |               |            | 2005                    | 2004   | Change (%) |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b> |                  |       |               |            |                         |        |            |
| Crude Oil           | ' 000 m3         | 2,150 | 2,086         | 3.1        | 24,301                  | 24,584 | -1.2       |
| Natural Gas         | ' 000, 000 m3    | 843   | 807           | 4.5        | 9,490                   | 9,409  | 0.9        |
|                     |                  | 2006  | February 2005 | Change (%) | January - February 2006 |        |            |
|                     |                  |       |               |            | 2006                    | 2005   | Change (%) |
| Salt                | ' 000 Tonnes     | 107   | 147           | -27.2      | 271                     | 311    | -12.7      |
| Potash K2O          | ' 000 Tonnes     | 519   | 869           | -40.3      | 1,186                   | 1,786  | -33.6      |
| Other*              | ' 000,000 Kgs    | 925   | 964           | -4.1       | 1,965                   | 2,009  | -2.2       |

\* Includes Potassium Sulphate, Ammonium Sulphate, Bentonite, Coal and Uranium  
Gold and Base metal will be included quarterly

# TOTAL SALES OF SELECTED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

|                               | December |         |            | January - December |           |            |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
|                               | 2005     | 2004    | Change (%) | 2005               | 2004      | Change (%) |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>           |          |         |            |                    |           |            |
| Propane & propane mixes       | 7,343    | 6,810   | 7.8        | 69,385             | 70,912    | -2.2       |
| Butane & butane mixes         | 4,819    | 2,952   | 63.2       | 36,420             | 21,183    | 71.9       |
| Aviation gasoline             | 193      | 126     | 53.2       | 5,290              | 4,214     | 25.5       |
| Motor gasoline                | 154,588  | 146,557 | 5.5        | 1,755,782          | 1,747,923 | 0.4        |
| Premium                       | 3,180    | 3,563   | -10.7      | 38,612             | 39,383    | -2.0       |
| Mid grade                     | 372      | 605     | -38.5      | 5,218              | 5,583     | -6.5       |
| Regular no-lead               | 151,015  | 142,389 | 6.1        | 1,711,718          | 1,702,918 | 0.5        |
| Aviation turbo fuel           | 5,128    | 4,652   | 10.2       | 66,692             | 57,538    | 15.9       |
| Kerosene stove oil            | 3,208    | 1,367   | ---        | 25,341             | 24,061    | 5.3        |
| Diesel fuel                   | 126,649  | 116,116 | 9.1        | 1,833,108          | 1,604,721 | 14.2       |
| Light fuel                    | 2,106    | 1,678   | 25.5       | 10,389             | 8,380     | 24.0       |
| Heavy fuel                    | 13,549   | 8,416   | 61.0       | 115,477            | 136,721   | -15.5      |
| Asphalt                       | 54       | 64      | -15.6      | 152,685            | 119,647   | 27.6       |
| Lube oils & grease            | 3,239    | 4,496   | -28.0      | 50,383             | 61,469    | -18.0      |
| Total net sales, all products | 323,624  | 296,099 | 9.3        | 4,162,835          | 3,900,537 | 6.7        |

# SASK POWER ELECTRIC ENERGY STATISTICS

|                         | 4th Quarter |       |            | January - December |        |            |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------|------------|--------------------|--------|------------|
|                         | 2005        | 2004  | Change (%) | 2005               | 2004   | Change (%) |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>     |             |       |            |                    |        |            |
| <b>Supply</b>           |             |       |            |                    |        |            |
| Coal Generated          | 2,958       | 2,986 | -0.9       | 11,570             | 12,302 | -6.0       |
| Natural Gas Generated   | 178         | 231   | -23.2      | 734                | 876    | -16.2      |
| Purchased Power         | 714         | 713   | 0.2        | 2,559              | 2,892  | -11.5      |
| Imports                 | 314         | 451   | -30.4      | 1,126              | 1,530  | -26.4      |
| Hydroelectric           | 1,175       | 792   | 48.4       | 4,573              | 2,746  | 66.5       |
| Other                   | 10          | 10    | -3.8       | 34                 | 35     | -2.3       |
| Interdepartmental Usage | -24         | -27   | -10.6      | -103               | -111   | -7.4       |
| Line Losses             | -486        | -524  | -7.1       | -1,688             | -1,838 | -8.2       |
| Total Supply            | 4,839       | 4,632 | 4.5        | 18,803             | 18,432 | 2.0        |
| <b>Disposition</b>      |             |       |            |                    |        |            |
| Residential             | 685         | 673   | 1.8        | 2,514              | 2,484  | 1.2        |
| Commercial              | 2,540       | 2,441 | 4.1        | 9,753              | 9,634  | 1.2        |
| Oilfields               | 555         | 528   | 5.1        | 2,264              | 2,165  | 4.6        |
| Farm                    | 343         | 359   | -4.5       | 1,337              | 1,350  | -0.9       |
| Reseller                | 321         | 324   | -0.8       | 1,266              | 1,261  | 0.4        |
| Exports                 | 394         | 308   | 27.9       | 1,670              | 1,538  | 8.6        |
| Total Disposition       | 4,839       | 4,632 | 4.5        | 18,803             | 18,432 | 2.0        |

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**  
1992 = 100

|                                             | All-<br>items | Food  | Shelter | Household<br>Operations &<br>Furnishings | Clothing &<br>Footwear | Trans-<br>portation | Health &<br>Personal<br>Care | Recreation<br>Education &<br>Reading | Tobacco<br>& Alcohol |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|-------|---------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>                         |               |       |         |                                          |                        |                     |                              |                                      |                      |
| February, 2005                              | 130.9         | 123.7 | 141.0   | 114.6                                    | 110.3                  | 142.8               | 115.2                        | 130.2                                | 159.8                |
| March                                       | 131.6         | 124.7 | 141.5   | 114.8                                    | 114.0                  | 144.1               | 115.4                        | 129.9                                | 159.8                |
| April                                       | 132.5         | 126.9 | 141.8   | 115.3                                    | 111.7                  | 146.2               | 116.0                        | 129.8                                | 161.5                |
| May                                         | 131.8         | 125.0 | 141.8   | 114.6                                    | 110.2                  | 145.0               | 115.6                        | 130.3                                | 161.8                |
| June                                        | 132.1         | 125.7 | 142.0   | 114.6                                    | 111.4                  | 145.0               | 115.7                        | 130.5                                | 162.4                |
| July                                        | 132.4         | 125.4 | 142.1   | 114.6                                    | 112.1                  | 145.8               | 116.7                        | 131.4                                | 162.8                |
| August                                      | 132.9         | 125.5 | 142.0   | 114.6                                    | 111.1                  | 148.9               | 115.8                        | 130.9                                | 163.1                |
| September                                   | 133.6         | 123.2 | 142.6   | 115.2                                    | 113.0                  | 152.7               | 116.2                        | 131.1                                | 163.4                |
| October                                     | 133.0         | 123.9 | 143.0   | 114.1                                    | 111.8                  | 149.5               | 116.8                        | 131.3                                | 163.4                |
| November                                    | 132.8         | 123.2 | 144.7   | 114.3                                    | 107.6                  | 149.0               | 115.7                        | 130.8                                | 163.1                |
| December                                    | 132.7         | 123.5 | 144.5   | 114.6                                    | 108.3                  | 148.3               | 116.0                        | 130.3                                | 163.1                |
| January, 2006                               | 133.5         | 124.0 | 146.2   | 115.4                                    | 107.5                  | 149.7               | 116.3                        | 129.7                                | 163.8                |
| February                                    | 133.4         | 123.9 | 146.7   | 114.7                                    | 109.7                  | 148.3               | 116.7                        | 130.1                                | 163.9                |
| March                                       | 133.8         | 123.8 | 146.8   | 114.7                                    | 107.2                  | 150.4               | 115.9                        | 131.1                                | 165.7                |
| % change March, 2006<br>over February, 2006 | 0.3           | -0.1  | 0.1     | 0.0                                      | -2.3                   | 1.4                 | -0.7                         | 0.8                                  | 1.1                  |
| % change March, 2006<br>over March, 2005    | 1.7           | -0.7  | 3.7     | -0.1                                     | -6.0                   | 4.4                 | 0.4                          | 0.9                                  | 3.7                  |
| <b>Canada</b>                               |               |       |         |                                          |                        |                     |                              |                                      |                      |
| February                                    | 125.8         | 126.6 | 122.6   | 115.5                                    | 103.0                  | 147.0               | 119.7                        | 126.3                                | 145.2                |
| March                                       | 126.5         | 127.1 | 123.0   | 115.7                                    | 106.0                  | 148.3               | 120.0                        | 126.8                                | 146.3                |
| April                                       | 126.9         | 128.3 | 123.4   | 115.5                                    | 102.9                  | 149.5               | 120.9                        | 126.8                                | 146.5                |
| May                                         | 127.0         | 128.5 | 123.6   | 115.6                                    | 102.3                  | 149.0               | 120.7                        | 127.5                                | 147.6                |
| June                                        | 127.2         | 128.9 | 123.8   | 115.7                                    | 101.3                  | 149.7               | 121.1                        | 127.8                                | 147.7                |
| July                                        | 127.5         | 128.6 | 124.5   | 115.7                                    | 100.9                  | 150.3               | 121.5                        | 128.5                                | 147.7                |
| August                                      | 128.0         | 128.5 | 124.4   | 115.8                                    | 102.2                  | 153.1               | 121.1                        | 128.4                                | 148.0                |
| September                                   | 129.1         | 127.3 | 125.2   | 116.2                                    | 105.8                  | 157.0               | 121.1                        | 129.1                                | 148.3                |
| October                                     | 128.5         | 127.7 | 126.0   | 115.7                                    | 104.5                  | 153.3               | 121.2                        | 128.0                                | 147.9                |
| November                                    | 128.2         | 128.4 | 126.1   | 116.2                                    | 101.8                  | 152.2               | 121.7                        | 127.1                                | 148.3                |
| December                                    | 128.1         | 129.3 | 125.7   | 116.2                                    | 100.4                  | 152.1               | 121.5                        | 126.6                                | 147.5                |
| January, 2006                               | 128.8         | 130.4 | 127.2   | 116.4                                    | 99.0                   | 154.2               | 121.3                        | 125.2                                | 148.3                |
| February                                    | 128.6         | 130.2 | 127.1   | 116.6                                    | 100.4                  | 151.5               | 121.7                        | 125.9                                | 148.9                |
| March                                       | 129.3         | 130.2 | 127.3   | 116.5                                    | 103.3                  | 153.5               | 121.9                        | 126.6                                | 150.2                |
| % change March, 2006<br>over February, 2006 | 0.5           | 0.0   | 0.2     | -0.1                                     | 2.9                    | 1.3                 | 0.2                          | 0.6                                  | 0.9                  |
| % change March, 2006<br>over March, 2005    | 2.2           | 2.4   | 3.5     | 0.7                                      | -2.5                   | 3.5                 | 1.6                          | -0.2                                 | 2.7                  |
| <b>Regina</b>                               |               |       |         |                                          |                        |                     |                              |                                      |                      |
| February, 2006                              | 134.3         |       | 148.3   |                                          |                        |                     |                              |                                      |                      |
| March                                       | 134.7         |       | 148.7   |                                          |                        |                     |                              |                                      |                      |
| % change March, 2006<br>over February, 2006 | 0.3           |       | 0.3     |                                          |                        |                     |                              |                                      |                      |
| % change March, 2006<br>over March, 2005    | 1.7           |       | 3.6     |                                          |                        |                     |                              |                                      |                      |
| <b>Saskatoon</b>                            |               |       |         |                                          |                        |                     |                              |                                      |                      |
| February, 2006                              | 132.6         |       | 141.1   |                                          |                        |                     |                              |                                      |                      |
| March                                       | 133.0         |       | 141.1   |                                          |                        |                     |                              |                                      |                      |
| % change March, 2006<br>over February, 2006 | 0.3           |       | 0.0     |                                          |                        |                     |                              |                                      |                      |
| % change March, 2006<br>over March, 2005    | 1.8           |       | 3.7     |                                          |                        |                     |                              |                                      |                      |

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